

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to and the rejections of this application in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, is respectfully requested, as the changes place the application in condition for allowance.

I. Status of the Claims and Formal Matters

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-21, 43, 44, 46-51 and 53-65 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13, 54 and 61 have been amended, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. Claims 43, 44, 46-51 were withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 2, 4-8, 12, 14, 16-19 and 22-52 are cancelled. Claims 3, 9-11, 15, 20, 21 and 53-65 are allowed. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and in the original claims.

It is submitted that the claims herewith and the claims as originally presented are and were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 and 112. The amendments to the claims herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the addition and amendments to the claims are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Are Overcome

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 13-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Altan *et al.* This rejection is respectfully traversed. This rejection is moot in light of the amendments to the claims submitted herein. The cited reference does not anticipate the instant invention.

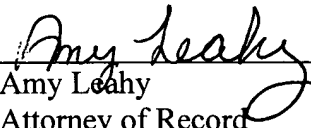
Allowed claims 9-11 depend from claim 1 and allowed claims 20, 21 and 59 depend from claim 13. In the interest of furthering prosecution, independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of the dependent claims relating to benzolactone enamides and exclude the rejected subject matter relating to plecomacrolides. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are earnestly requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herewith, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, reconsideration, and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of the application, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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